

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An apparatus comprising:
a lock mechanism including a lock body, a lock beak rotatably mounted within the lock body, a biasing device which and biased by bias the lock beak means to a first position, a strike having a hook, the hook the lock beak being co-operable with the lock beak when a hook of a strike as the hook is engageds in the body, and the lock beak is in said first position, whereby the lock beak rotates to a second position against the bias of the biasing means, and operating members within the lock body operable by external actuating means, whereby the operating members being operatively mounted such that they can be independently operated to cause the lock beak to rotatably move against the bias of the biasing device from said first position to a said second position to remove the engagement between the hook and lock beak and one said operating member being operable to retain the lock beak in said first position.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~A lock mechanism~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, the lock mechanism further including means to prevent the other of the operating members from being operable to retain a lock beak in said first position.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): An apparatus comprising: a lock mechanism including as claimed in claim 1 a lock body, a lock beak rotatably mounted within the lock body and biased by bias means to a first position, the lock beak being co-operable with a hook of a strike as the hook engages in the body whereby the lock beak rotates to a second position against the bias of the biasing means, and operating members within the lock body operable by external actuating means whereby the operating members can be independently operated to cause the lock beak to move from said first position to said second position and one said operating member to retain the lock beak in said first position, and further including a slide member operable by a lock cylinder to effect a deadlocking function.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~An apparatus comprising:~~
a lock mechanism ~~including as claimed in claim 2~~ a lock body, a lock beak rotatably mounted within the lock body and biased by bias means to a first position, the lock beak being co-operable with a hook of a strike as the hook engages in the body whereby the lock beak rotates to a second position against the bias of the biasing means, and operating members within the lock body operable by external actuating means whereby the operating members can be independently operated to cause the lock beak to move from said first position to said second position and one said operating member to retain the lock beak in said first position, ~~further including means to prevent the other of the operating members from being operable to retain the lock beak in said first position and~~ a slide member operable by a lock cylinder to effect a deadlocking function.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~A lock mechanism~~ The apparatus as claimed in claim 3 wherein the slide member provides a mounting for at least one shoot bolt.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~A lock mechanism~~ The apparatus as claimed in claim 4 wherein the slide member provides a mounting for at least one shoot bolt.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~A lock mechanism~~ The apparatus as claimed in claim 5 wherein the slide member includes a first engagement means which is engageable with the lock beak to cause deadlocking of the lock ~~beak~~ beak in the first position.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~A lock mechanism~~ The apparatus as claimed in claim 3 wherein the slide member includes a first engagement means which is engageable with the lock beak to cause deadlocking of the lock ~~beak~~ beak in the first position.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): ~~A lock mechanism~~ The apparatus as claimed in claim 4 wherein the slide member includes a first engagement means which is engageable with the lock ~~beak~~ beak to cause deadlocking of the lock ~~beak~~ beak in the first position.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): ~~A lock mechanism~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 7 wherein the slide member further includes a second engagement means which is engageable with at least one of the operating members to prevent operation thereof by the external actuating means.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): ~~A lock mechanism~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 9 wherein the slide member further includes a second engagement means which is engageable with at least one of the operating members to prevent operation thereof by the external actuating means.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): ~~A lock mechanism~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 3 further including a retention spring means which is engageable with a cam of a lock cylinder to retain the cam when in the position which corresponds to the slide member having been moved by the cam to a deadlocked position.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): ~~A lock mechanism~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 12 wherein the retention spring additionally applies a detent to the slide member when the slide member is in the non-deadlocking position.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): ~~A lock mechanism~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 5 further including a retention spring means which is engageable with a cam of a lock cylinder to retain the cam when in the position which corresponds to the slide member having been moved by the cam to a deadlocked position.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): ~~A lock mechanism~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 14 wherein the retention spring additionally applies a detent to the slide member when the slide member is in the non-deadlocking position.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): ~~A lock mechanism~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 8 further including a retention spring means which is engageable with a cam of lock cylinder to retain the cam when in the position which corresponds to the slide member having been moved by the cam to a deadlocked position said retention spring additionally applying a detent to the slide member when the slide member is in the non-deadlocking position.

Claim 17 (New): A lock mechanism as claimed in claim 1 wherein the biasing device is a sliding foot engaged with a part of the lock beak and a spring which applies a biasing force to the sliding foot.

Claim 18 (New): A lock mechanism as claimed in claim 1 wherein the lock beak has a hook position that inter-engages within the lock body with the hook of the strike.

Claim 19 (New): A lock mechanism as claimed in claim 17 wherein the lock beak has a hook position against which the sliding foot engages, and the hook portion inter-engages within the lock body with the hook of the strike.

Claim 20 (New): A lock mechanism as claimed in claim 1 wherein each operating member has an arm which engages with an abutment portion of the lock beak, operation of the operating member by a said external actuating means causing movement of the arm to occur and resultant movement of the lock beak from the first position.

Claim 21 (New): A lock mechanism as claimed in claim 17 wherein the one said operating member retains the hook beak in said first position by the arm thereof engaging the sliding foot to prevent movement thereof.

Claim 22 (New): A lock mechanism as claimed in claim 21 wherein the slide member has a mounting for connection to the slide member of a shoot bolt.

Claim 23 (New): A lock mechanism as claimed in claim 20 further including a detent spring engaged with the operating member.

Claim 24 (New): A lock mechanism as claimed in claim 1 wherein the lock body includes a ramp and a ramp step adjacent an opening in the lock body through which the hook engages, said hook including a hook surface and hook step which are inter-engageable with said ramp and ramp step, the positioning of the ramp, ramp step, hook surface and hook step being such that engagement there between

occurs before separation of the lock beak when in the first position and the strike hook.

Claim 25 (New): A lock mechanism as claimed in claim 24 wherein the strike includes an abutment surface engageable with an edge of the opening in the lock body.

Claim 26 (New): A lock mechanism as claimed in claim 1 wherein one external actuating member is coupled to a handing disc, the handing disc has an elongate slot into which a lug of an escutcheon to which the one external actuating member is coupled, the lug being engageable at one end of the slot to restrict movement of the one external actuating member.